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SUBJ: NSF/SFCP - GOT INTEREST IN TWO NEW SFCP'S

REF: STATE 046241, STATE 049564, TUNIS 6883

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS SENT EMBASSY
BY DIPLOMATIC NOTES PROPOSALS FOR TWO NEW SFCP'S TO BE
SPONSORED BY NSF WITH REQUESTS THAT NECESSARY ACTION BE
TAKEN TO COMPLETE REVIEW AND FUNDING. SELCUK OF NSF
GIVEN COPIES OF FRENCH TEXTS DURING HIS RECENT VISIT.

2. NOTE OF JANUARY 9, 1975, TRANSMITTED PROJECT
PROPOSAL ENTITLED "CHEMICAL STUDIES OF TUNISIAN PLANTS" TO
BE CARRIED OUT OVER TWO YEAR PERIOD BY FACULTY OF
SCIENCES OF UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS IN COLLABORATION WITH
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY.
REQUESTED LEVEL OF FUNDING IS SIX THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED
FIFTY (6,650) TUNISIAN DINARS.

3. NOTE OF FEBRUARY 6, 1975, TRANSMITTED PROJECT
PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE ON ENGINEERING INFOR-
MATION IN ARAB COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN TUNIS JUNE 18 - 21,
1975. CONFERENCE WOULD BE SPONSORED BY TUNISIAN NATIONAL
UNION OF ENGINEERS AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR UNISIST
IN COOPERATION WITH U.S. NATIONAL BUREAU OF STANDARDS.
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REQUESTED LEVEL OF FUNDING IS THIRTY TWO THOUSAND (32,000)

DOLLARS.

4. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED BOTH PROJECTS WITH TUNISIAN PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND SELCUK OF NSF AND DOES NOT OBJECT TO THEIR SUBMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION BY NSF. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF FUNDING DATA CONTAINED IN STATE 046241 EMBASSY WONDERS WHETHER NSF WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT DINARS IN FY 75 TO SUPPORT THESE TWO NEW PROJECTS WHILE MAINTAINING ALREADY COMMITTED LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR GEOTECHNICAL SOIL CENTER AT ENGINEERING SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND TRANSLATION PROJECT. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF REDUCED LEVEL OF DINAR AVAILABILITY WILL NECESSITATE REVISIONS IN BUDGETS FOR ANY ONGOING PROJECTS OR DELAY IN INITIATION OF NEW PROPOSALS.

5. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO EMBASSY THAT TRANSMITTAL OF THESE AND OTHER NEW SFCPS BY FORMAL NOTE IS INTENDED INDICATE TENTATIVE APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE ONLY, IN KEEPING PARA 2 TUNIS 6883. EMBASSY SEEKING CONFIRM THAT MINISTRY PREPARED SEE PROJECTS PROCEED ON THIS BASIS EVEN THOUGH "MODEL AGREEMENT" NOT RPT NOT YET CONCLUDED AND MINISTRY HAS NOT RPT NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY REVIEW PROGRAM DETAILS REQUESTED LAST NOVEMBER (PARA 1 TUNIS 6883).
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